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out permission from the Association.

7. The Moderator shall not interrupt a member from speaking, unless to give advice on the subject, or unless the speaker is out of order.

8 The Moderator may be entitled to give advice on any subject before the vote is taken, but votes only in case of a tie.

6. Any member who knowingly violates any of the rules or regulations, shall be reproved by the Association.

10 The minutes of each session shall be read and adopted.

11. The Association shall supply the churches with minutes of her annual sessions, which shall be addressed to the clerks of the churches.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I—NAME.

Section 1.—This Association shall be known as the Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association.

Section 2.—This Association shall be composed of the Pastors ordained ministers and two delegates from each church.

ARTICLE II.—MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1.—Any regular missionary Baptist Church, upon application, may join this Association by paying three dollars.

Section 2.—Any member of a regular Missionary Baptist.—Church may become an annual member by paying one dollar.

Section 2.—Any member of a Missionary Baptist Church may become an annual member by paying one dollar.

Section 3.—This Association shall withdraw from any church minister or other members who may violate her rules on the principle of morality and religion.

Section 4.—when any member or church is recognized, the same shall be manifested by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship

ARTICLE III—Object.

Section 1.—The object of this Association shall be to support Roanoke Collegiate Institute, and to aid Home and Foreign Missions, the Orphan Asylum and general education.

ARTICLE IV.—Officers.

Section 1.—This Association shall have a Moderator, Vice—Moderator, Recording Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Financial Secretary, Statistical Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, an Executive

Board of nine members and a Trustee Board of seven members who shall be chosen annually by the Association.

ARTICLE V.—Representation.

Section 1.—Each church shall make her report to the Association on the blanks furnished by the body.

Section 2.—The letter shall express the total number of members in full fellowship, the number baptised, thenumber received by letter, the number excommunicated and the number deceased since the last sitting of the Association.

Section 3.—The money necessary to run the Association and her educational enterprise shall be apportioned among the churchs composing this body according to membership.

Section 4.—This Association shall have power to inquire why each church is not represented.

ARTICLE VI.—Miscellaneous.

Section 1.—This Association shall have power to adjourn to any future time and to any place convenient to the churches.

Section 2.-This Constitution shall be subjected to amendment by a two -thirds vote of the members present at any regular session of the body.

BY- LAWS.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. No question is to be discussed until it is distinctly stated by the Moderator, and not more than one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise and address the presiding officer by the term "Brother Moderater."

3. After a motion has been stated by the presiding officer, it cannot be withdrawn except by the concent of the body.

4. A person speaking shall not be interrupted unless he is out of order.

5. He should adhere strictly to the subject, and he shall not reflect discreditable upon any other member or person.

6. A motion shall contain not more than one proposition, and no person shall speak more than twice on the same subject with

PROCEEDINGS.

TUESDAY--Morning Session.

Providence Baptist Church, Edenton, N. C. May 23-25, 1916.

The Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association convened in her fiftieth annual session with Providence Baptist Church, at Eden ton, N. C. at 10: 30. A. M. Tuesday May 23, 1916.

Devotions were conducted by Revs. U. S. Privott and G. C. Cofield.

"A few more years shall roll," was sung the 100th division of Psalms was read and prayer was offered by Rev. E. Roberts.

"Come Holly Spirit heavenly Dove," was read and sung.

The Moderator requested that a short space of time be given to the Lord in praise and thanksgiven and accordingly spirited service was held and greatly enjoyed.

The Moderator prsented Rev. Dance who delivered an address of welcome in be half of his church. After an ex cellent address, he in closing accorded the body a hearty welcome that made each one feel at home.

Rev. M. P. Hawkins, pastor of Kedash. A. M. E. Z. chur ch delivered a real hearty welcome to the Association and caused us to feel that it was sincere.

Rev. G. C. Lassiter responded to the address with force and called upon us to be united in all effort for good work.

Names of the committes were read and were approved by the house as follows.

COMMITES.

Arrangements-Pastor and deacons.

Apportionment-R. R. Cartwright, H. H. Norman, C. F Graves, I. B. Roach, B. M. Mullen.

Credentials-E. E. Randolph, Samuel Feltou, W. E. Sanderlin, J. H. Hathaway, S. Price.

Education-C. F. Graves, W. S. Creecy, P. W. Moore, C. S. Brown,

J E. Tillett.

Grievance- J. H. Johnson, A. D. Moore, W. A. Baker, D Jennings, G. L. Barrett.

Moderators Address-L. F. Sharp, W. N. Douglass, R. A. Morrisey, C. B. White, J. C. Saunders.

New Churches-G. W. Williams, T. W. Stewart, J. A. Britt, J. E Tillett. Z. B. Wynn.

Nomination of Officers.

Norfolk Co. S. L. Clanton.

Currituck-R. C Owens, William Thomas, J. C. Archet.

Camden-Noah Taylor, W. H. Morrisey.

Pasquotank-J. C. Lewis, William Cuffee, A. W. Lamb.

Perquimans-J. B. Wood, J. T. Ellis, Henry Dale.

Chowan-B. F. Holly, P. G. Welch, Miles Badham.

Gates- A. Hayes, B. D. Harrell, J. M. Lee.

Washington-W. A. Hoggard, A. Hyman.

Martin-W. S. Holloman.

Dare- Henry Mann.

Tyrrell- J. C. Robinson.

Obituary- S. A. Askew, Thomas Sharp, A. W. Mizzell, A. E Owens, J. A. Nemo.

Petitions-W. F. Brinkley, E. M- Lassiter, D. S Nickols, H. H. Bowser, Z. B. Wynns.

Pulpit Supplies- A. B. Askew, J. J. Armstrong, C. L. Towe Melton Baysmore, S. Bright.

Resolutions- C. H. D. Griffin, I. S. Williams, W. A. Cobb, R. A. Overton, Richard Hawkins.

Temperance- W. T. Askew, E. D. Nowell, J. A. Mebane, N. J. James E. F Hobbs.

Place—W. H. A. Stallings, W. S. Sharp, Joseph Williams, R. R. Cartwright, C. M. Billups.

Sabbath School-W. B. Ashbee, C. C. Somerville, W. H. Byrant T. C. Cunningham, J. J. Walker.

State and Condition of the Country—

M. W. D. Norman, C. M. Cartwright, W. A. Taylor, P. W. Moore, C. S. Brown.

Visitors were introduced as follows—

Rev. W. D. Gatling, Harrellsville, N. C.

Prof. W. S. Turner, Shaw University.

Rev. W. P. Watson, Cofield, N. C.
Mrs. Prof Sykes.

An expression was given by each and was enjoyed

Rev. Dr. Somerville and Miss Annie M. Vann were presented and each spoke of the periodnals which they represent.

Miss Sanders of Smithfield represeting the Durham Reformer was presented and spoke in the interest of her paper.

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Benediction by Rev. W. H. A. Stallings.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotions were conducted by Revs. S. M. Price, and B. F. Hill.

"There is a lim by us unseen," was read and sung, Proverbs 22 d chapter was read by Prof. Gardner and prayer was offered by Rev. Hill.

"How sweet the name of Jesus sounds," was read and sung

On motion the forenoon proceedings were read and approved

Prof. W S. Creecy Vice-Moderator pre-ented the Moderator who read his annual address as follows.

MODERATOR'S ADDRESS.

Brother Vice Moderator, Delegates and Friends of the Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association.

The agreeable task is mine to address you again as Moderator of this Association. I greet you with a feeling of friendship and brotherly love, and solicit from you a reciprocation of the same. Let us together pray that the spirit of harmony and mutual good will may characterize all of our proceedings, and that our deliberations may be so conducted as to inspire new hopes, greater resolutions, stronger determination, and more encouragement in us to go forward in the prosecution of this work which is a monument of praise to our fathers, many of whom are sleeping in their graves.

I feel proud, as I think of our phenominal achievemnets in these brief years of our denominational activity . It is true, we have not done all that might have been done, we have not been al together as aggressive as we might have been, still, when we exercise our betterjudgments, and take into consideration the nature of the material which we havu had to use, the limitedness of

the resources from which we have had to draw, the many discouraging tendencies we have had to overcome, the lethary, inactivity, and mistakes of many of us who have been in responsible positions, and the damaging and slanderous expressions uttered by many of the less thoughtful, we must admit that we have done remarkably well. If we can only save ourselves from discouragement and lack of confidence in our leaders, be inspired with an optimistic vision and an unqualified determination to do our whole duty, we shall continue to make ourselves wonderfully felt for good in Eastern North Carolina.

This is the fiftieth year of our Association's existance. Many of us who are active now, were not born when our lamented fathers laid the foundation and began the mighty structure fifty years ago We reverently mention the names of Boon, Hayes, Mebane, Lamb, Hodges, Berry, Fleming, Lee, Faulk, Griffin, Sanders, Creecy, and others whose names I do not now recall, who had an active part in the organization or early workings of this Association, some of whom lived to see much of its achievements then surrendered its destiny into our hands, "and fell on sleep and were laid to rest with their fathers." We honor and revere their memory be cause of the noble lives they lived and the splendid examples they left for us.

Since through the kindness of sister Clarisa Reed, one of the mothers of the First Baptist Church, Hertford, I am in possession of many of the minutes of the early sessions of this Association, it gives me pleasure to furnish you with a bit of history of its early activities and leading up to the present. This will give us an opportunity tc review our progressive steps, and see the advance ment we have made in these fifty years. Of course, I was not able to get a copy of every's session, but I got a suffcient number to enable me to give a close approximation of what we have done.

From 1866, the year the Association was organized, to 1877, eleven years, the amount collected averaged $95.00 a year or $1045.00 for these eleven years. From 1877, to 1896, nineteen years, the amount collected was an average 150.00 a year or $2,850.00 for these nineteen years, Total collected from 1868 to 1896, thirty years, $3.800.00. In 1897 we raised $220.72: 1898 $230.00; 1899, 239.51; 1900, $567.61: 1901. $1000.00; 1902, $1,519.26; 1903, 1,968.60; 1904, $2000; 1805, $2,767.41; 1909, $3,

000; 1907 $3,393.27; 1909, $3,642.10; 1809, $3,316.96 1910 $3127. 7.78: 1911, $2,938.76; 1912, $3,989.51; 1913, $4,000; 1914. $3,9 63 28; 1915, $3.486.34 Total amount raised from 1897 to 1915. nineteen years, $45,371.11. This added to the $3,800 of the first thirty years gives a grand total of $49 171.11, or a gross amount of$50,000 for these fifty years, exclusive of this present year. This is an average of over $1,000 a year.

By decades, the amounts run as follows: First decade $950.00; second decade, $ 1,500.00; third decade, $1,350.99; fourth decade, $13,512.11; fifth decade,minus this year, $31,858. 01. Thus you see we raised during the last nine years $17,313.10 more then we raised the forty years preceding.

Fifty years ago our Association did not own ten cent's worth of property; now it owns and controlls property to the value of about $20,000 with an indebtedness of only $8,000 altogether.

Fifty years ago,we had no school that we could call our, own now we have Roanoke Collegiate Institute, which has been in operation for nineteen successful years, with a teaching force of from three to seven, and has sent out to bless the world one hundred and fif teen graduates, of whom ten or fifteen are successful pastors in our Churches and elsewhere, some practicing physicians, some e n gaged in other professions, some farmers, and the others engaged in profitable work.

Then there are the Albemarle Training School here at Eden ton the Gates County Institute,at Sunbury,another school at Columbia, and possibly others still, all drawing their support either directly, or indireetly from the Association. This is an unfortunate situation still, the fact remains. We seem not to be able to see that the Association cannot foster a half dozen schools and support them adequately.

Our white brethern of Eastern North Carolina, with all of their money and means, find themselves unable to support one school, by a single Association and so they have two Assn. to support 1 sch. the Chowan Baptist College at Murfreesboro, and claim they have their hands full at that. We, with our powerty and lack of mean feel that our Association can maintain a school in every community. Hence, many of the Churches that ought to give there undivided

strength,so far as education is concerned, to the one authorized school, are dividing their energies and money with these other schools, thus disabling themselves to do justice to any.

besides, it is constantly encouraging the evil lesson of racial division. In these remarks, I am not making an attack on the rival schools, I am simply stating facts that all of us will some day learn, and I hope, not too late. If we take into consideration the money which it takes to run these other schools and which comes from the constituency of the Association, it will add, at least, $1,500 a year more to the credit of the Association. Inview of these facts can any fair minded person figure that we have not done well in these fifty years? Who can tell the great good that is being accomplish by these young men and women who have graduated from the Institution and are engaged in different lines of work for the betterment of humanity and the extending of the cause of Christ? It seems to me that all of us should feel proud of our achievements and be inspired to take fresh courage, new determination and go on to sure victory.

ROANOKE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

The White people of england delight to talk about Oxford; the American White people boast of Yale and Harvard; here in North Carolina, they go their length for Wake Forest; here in the Eastern section, they spend their energies for the Chowan Baptist College; the colored people of the A. M. E. Z. Church are a unit for Livingston; the Presbiterians rally around Biddle; the Episcopalians stand up for St. Augustine; the A. M. E. folks brag on Kittrel; the Baptists of Arkansas, of Florida, of South Carolina, of Virginia, and other states and communities, are together in their support of Arkansas Baptist College, Florida Baptist College Peace Haven Institute, Virginia Seminary and College, respectively and other denominational schools; therefore the Negro Baptists of Eastern North Carolina should not be less loyal to their Roanoke Collegeiate Institute. We should rise up to the opportunity, make one great sacrifice and pay off the old debt, and save the Institution from further embarrassment. Loyalty dictates that we do this. What say you?

We have not had a big debt on us in all these years; we have simply made a little debt a heavy burden. There is not a person of thought in the Association who will not admit that, aside from

the debt we assumed last year in the new purchase, we could, by bestiring ourselves, have paid every cent we owe, in any one year. But to our regret, we have not paid it. And I venture to say the reason we have not paid it, is because, First, we have not been able to recognize seriously the sacridness of an obligation hence, we have not interested ourselves as we should have done. Secondly, we have not placed proper significance. on the word, DUTY. Thirdly, we have not been imposed necessary confidence in our leaders. And forthly, we have not organized our forces in a way to accomplish the best results. These things have stayed our progress, hampered our work, and to an extent injured our financial standing as an organic body.

Now, brethren, are we going to stay in these ruts, since it is possible for us to get out of them? Has not the experience of fifty years taught us any things? We shall not be able to succeed in the future by the method and business principles which we have used in the past, we shall have to adopt new and better ones, and we might as well recognize that fact now and prepare for the transition. We just as well to look at things squarely in the face, for sooner or later, we must face them. Our creditors are not going to be as patient with us as they have been; our teachers are going to demand- as they should be a more punctual settlement of salaries, or they will seek a job elsewhere. Can we blame them? Would you continue to work for a man or firm that constantly held you in suspence about your pay when you could get work at another place and be paid promptly? If we are to demand a first class teaching force and hold them, we must pay their salaries as they come due. We can do it, and we ought to do it.

INSTITUTE DAYS.

If we would, as required, observe the Institute Days, raise the amounts required- which is easy to do- and pay the same over to the Treasurer of the Trustee board, the teachers could be paid each month as their salaries come due. But only a few of the churches hold Institute Days at all, and not many of the few, raise their full amounts, hence, we are kept in a financial struggle. Not only do most of the churches fail to pay their Institute Day money, but they also fail to bring their quoto to the Association, hence, they disable the Board to pay the teachers then; and after the Association is over, the Board is put to a serious disadvantage of try-

ing to brrow money with which to satisfy our demand. These things should not prevail. We could easily remedy them if we would. I am not looking at things from a pressimistic view point, I am simply seeing things as they actually exist. I am calling your attention to hard and bare-footed facts. that we must face, and the sooner, the better.

MISSION

"Go ye into all the world," ssid Jesus, "and preach the gospel to every creature." This was his last command, and the one that emphasised the greatness of his love to humanity. This is a missionary command, given to Baptist preachers directly, and to Baptist Churches indirectly. And since Jesus gave this command and Jesus is authority, we cannot excuse ourselves, we cannot shift the responsibility. How can we say we love Jesus and deliberately refuse to obey his commands? How can we say we love our brother and see him groping in moral and spiritual darkness, and hear his pittiful cry, " come over into Macedonia and help us," and still refuse to go, or help go? How can we call ourselves missionary Baptists, when we, by our actions, opposed, or are indifferent to the missionary propaganda of the Church? How can we consistently pray, "Thy kingdom come" when we are the greatest hindrances to its coming? Does it take all of our earnings to satisfy our physical demands? Lets see. Satistics declare that this nation spends, during one year, $515,000.000 for tobacco, $20,000,000 for chewing gum, $25,000,000 for kid gloves, $51(0 000 for ostrich feathers, 1,000,000,000 for intoxicating liquors, and only $10,000,000 from all denominations for foreign missions.

It is also said that there is enough gold and silver plate, and jewelry buried in the homes of professed Christians to build a fleet of thirty thousand vessels, ballast them with Bibles, build a Church in every homlet, and finally to supply the gospel to all the world in twenty years time.

How is this for a Christian nation? Does this show that we are anxious to have the world saved for Christ? We may treat lightly and ignore the great missionary command, but we cannot shun the responsibility, we cannot escape the consequence.

We can ignore somethings without a serious result, but not the in junction, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," for it is a "thus saith the Lord." The greatest need of the Church to-day, as I see it, is a burning passion for souls. whatever the business of other agencies maybe, the business of the Church is to save souls. May God help you to see this fact clearly and then have the courage to act accordingly.

OUR STATE WORK.

We praise the Lord that Negro Baptists of North Carolina are no longer a divided force; that we have grown large enough in the Christian graces to put down petty differences, unite our powers, and for the first time in the historyof the Church in the State be gin to do some real tangible and telling work in a united way. Through the efforts of some of the largehearted Christian men of the State, we were able to consolidate the Educational and Mis—sionary Convention and the North Carolina Baptist State Conven tion into one great body, known as the Union Baptist State Con vention, covering the interests of the entire State. This organiza tion was perfected on the 12th, day of last Ja nuary when a great concourse of representatives from every section of the State met in the progressive City of Durham for that purpose.

We are in position now to do more real missionary and educa-tional work than ever before. Let us not let the opportunity slip. Let every pastor and Church see to it that they do their whole duty for our State work.

Dr. C. S. Brown, our efficient Corresponding Secretary h as more splendid plans in operation for the collection of missionary money of which he will inform you at the proper time. I hope you will rally to his request,

THE THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT OF SHAW UNIVER-SITY.

All of us will agree that the saddest need in our Church to-day, is a prepared ministry. a ministry that can rightly interpret and apply the holy Scriptures; a ministry that can indoctrinate and take care of the Church; a ministry that can defend the Church against the fatal blunders of this erroneous age. Shaw University being our central school, and the only one offering theological training on a

large scale, it is our duty to rally aroud it and make the department what it should be a first class Divinity School.

The State Convention has pledged to raise $2,000 for the equipment of this department, and I hope that every pastor and Church of this Association will see to it that our portion of that amount is raised in due time.

We can never hope to have a prepared Church until we get a prepared ministry. The day of whang-doodling, Bible-beating, dove-mourning, and bull-bellowing, in the pulpit is past, never to come again. The pews are too intelligent for that in this age. The preacher who dares to ascend the pulpit now, must have a message. He may open his mouth now, but the Lord will not fill it except with win, unless his head is filled with knowledge and his heart filled with Spirit and grace. Therefore, if we would have a strong, aggressive, and intelligent Church, let us build up a strong, and complete theological School at Shaw for the training of God-called preachers.

OUR AUXILIARIES.

All praise is due the N. E. B. and M. G. Union Meetings, president over by that same pulpiteer, Dr. R. R. Cartwright and that logical reasoner, Dr. B. W. Dance, respectively, the N. E. B. Sunday School Convention, presided over by that saintly personage, brother J. H. Perkins the Perquimans County Sunday School Union, presided over by that hustling and untiring worker, brother J. B. wood and the W. E. and M. Union, presided over by that sweet natured and God-fearing woman, sister M. E. Burke. We owe much to these agencies; they are filling a great place and meeting a great need in our work. Without them, our school would be greatly hampered, if not practically disabled. Let us encourage these helps and give them our unstinted support.

THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

According to the authorization of the Association, next October is the time for our Semi-Centennial Exposition, or fiftieh anniversary of our Association. It is hoped that it may be made a grand affair. We want to show, in a tangible way, our progress along the various lines of our endeavors since fifty years ago. In due time, the commission will inform you as to the manner and style of this celebration and I hope you will co- operate with them and help to make it all

it should be.

OBITUARY.

We are again reminded that "in the midst of life, we are in dea th." Since our last annual gathering, the pale monster, death has visited our ranks and taken from us Rev. A. L. Parker, one of our most loyal ministers, who answeredthe summons on the 30th, day of last May shortly after he had preached his last sermon. It can truthfully be said of him that he died at his post. An appropriate service will be held in memory of his useful life at the proper time.

Now brethren, I wish to thank you again for the signal manner in which you have repeatedly honored me by unanimously electing me to this exalted position for eight successive years. I submit that I have not filled the office as well as some other brother could have filled it, but I have the abiding consolation that I have done my best. I have tried to eliminate all selfishness ond biasness, and have had as my highest motive, "charity to all, and malice to none." My only incentive has been to conserve the best interest of the Association. Like all other human beings, I may have been forward in some of my statements and unwise in some of my utterances, I may have been, or rather, I have been lacking in many qualities necessary for leadership, I submit, but I have tried to be liberal and co-operative enough to counsel with, and accept advise from those who were more sagacious than I, hence, things have moved on some what evenly. I have not had all of the support and co-operation that I had hoped for, still, I am gratified to say, the suppert and co-oper ation which you have given me merit my sincere thanks. I recog-nize that this Association could not have developed into what it is to-day without your aid. I therefore, most heartily thank you one and all, for the manner in which you have stood by me during these eight years of my feeble and very imperfect administration.

But the time has come when circumstances make it necessary for me to say, I decline to accept the nomination for moderatorship an other year, for the reason, First, I feel that some other brother should now share this honor that I have enjoyed all these years, especially, since there are others who can fill the office with much credit than I have filled it. Secondly, The Lord seems to have directed the membership of the First Baptist Church of Tampa, Florida, to ex tend to me an unanimous call to the pastorate of that Church,

which, of course, offers an opportunity for a much larger service than my present field, therefore I am about to feel that it is the will of the Lord for me to change fields, in which event, I cannot continue my official relation here. I promise you however, that I shall maintain my interest in, and loyalty to, the Roanoke Asso— ciation and all it stands for, it matters not where my lot may be cast. You shall have my presence, my influence' my prayers and my money, as before. I hope and pray that this grand old body may be kept up to its high water mark in prestige and usefulness, and that you will not let its flag trail in the dust.

A few resolutions and I have done. I recommend First, that we rededicate ourselves to the work of this Association and solemnly pledge to be more loyal to its support.

Seconly, That this Association authorize the establishment of a monument fund for the purpose of erecting a monument at Roanoke Cllegiate Institute to the memory of our deceased Preachers.

Thirdly, That the woman's Educational and Missionary Union be advised to abandon the idea of building aDomitory for ths time being, and blend their forces in helping the Association to pay off its present indebtedness first, and then both unite in the erection of a Domitory.

Now. may the grace of God inspire you hearts to take a new hold and push forward this noble work with a greater determination then ever before.

Your humble servant,

The Moderators address.was adopted with a vote of thanks and the Chautauqua salute was given him. A collection of $13.52 was taken. Prof. W. S. Turner was introduce and spoke to us of the importance of Christan educatien and how Shaw is answering this need. He asked that the work be helped by sending men to the School.

A collection of $12.03 was taken.

Prof. J. R. Gardner was presented and spoke of some of the needs of our people.

Prof. W. Canady was presented and spoke of the work he is doing at Roanoke Instutitute, and of the need of fuller cooperation.

Rev. M. W. D. Norman made motion that suitable resolution of thanks be sent to Shaw University for honoring Prof. P. W. Moore with the degree of L. L. D. Dr. C. M. Cartwright, seconded the motion which was followed by Rev. C C. Somerville.

The motion passed and the moderater appointed Rev. Dr. Norman, Rev. Dr. Cartwright, and Rev. C. S. Micthell, to draft and orward the resolution.

Prof. P. W. Moore responded modestly to the strong expessions made.

RESOLUTION

Whereas Shaw University has seen in her son and brother and one of our strong educational leaders, real worth as a true educa tor and recognized the same by conferring upon him, our Prof. P. W. Moore, degree of L. L. D. be it Resolved, That a vote of thanks be given Shaw University, and that our heavenward sent wish that her shadow may never grow less but lengthen and that we may learn to love her more and Resolved That our means and influence shall be contributed to make our wish a reality.

The Moderator urged that the ministers pay their annual assessments.

Benediction by Rev. E Robert,.

TUESDAY EVENING SESSION.

Invocation by Rev. J. E. Tillett, Chant "The Lord is my Shepherd." "Father I stretch my hand to Thee," was song.

Ps. 24 was read and prayer was offered by Rev. Gardner.

A selection was rendered by Choir.

The Moderator presented Rev. R. R. Cartwright' D. D. who preached the Aunual Sermon Text 1 Thes. 5: 2, 5.

He said in part that Christians are the sons and daughters of God's sunshine and must walk in the light, The light purifies and supplants sadness with joy,

God's man should be a light and shine where ever he goes by his life, his deeds and his words.

The sermon was forceful, well delivered and greatly enjoyed.

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. D. Moore, D. D.

"My God the spring of all joys," was sung. Collection of $10.11 was taken.

Rev. A, D. Moore made motion following Rev. Dr. M. W. D. Norman's suggestion that a commitiee be appointed to draw up a resolution of commendation for Rev. G. D. Griffin as he has resigned to go to Florida.

The following named person were appointed on the committee. M. W. D. Norman, C. S. Mitchell, B. W. Dance, C. M. Cartwright and R. A. Morrisey.

Doxology was sung.

Benediction by Rev. Turner.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

"Oh where shall rest be found," was read and sung being lined by Rev. Butler Mullen. Ps. 37 was read and prayer was offered by Rev. B. F. Hill.

"A charge to keep I have," was sung.

The minutes of the afternoon and evening sessions, of the previous day, were read and approved.

Rev. J. H. Johnson was called on and spoke briefly, and his remarks were timely and cheering.

Father Harry Woodley was called and spoke of the prayers of the past fifty years and the answers which are seen in our program.

Rev. David Nichols was introduced and spoke pleasingly to the Association.

Rev. C. C. Somerville, fraternal delegate from Virginia spoke to the body bringing good cheer and wishing us God speed.

The committee on Commendation reported as follows.

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION.

Whereas the call to the gospel ministry is a call to divine service for the Master, and whereas His ministering servants should be led by the Holy Spirit into whatever fields the Master chooses, and whereas it is the duty of us all to humbly and gladly submit to his will at all times, and whereas our beloved Moderator Rev. G. D. Griffin, has interpreted the call to the pastor care of the 1st Baptist church of Tampa, Florida as the will and dictation of the Holy Spirit; and whereas he has tendered his resignation as Moderator of Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association, be it

Resolved, that we except his resignation and that we offer him our congratulations upon his call, and wish him every success in his new field of labor; that we here and now express our love for

him, and our appreciation for his services as pastor in the church es of our Association, for no other pastor has served the churches more acceptably than he; and no past Moderator is more respected and love than he, because no other moderater has presided with more impartiality and fairness, nor shown more regard for the feel ings, of those over whom he presided, nor has any other moderator shown more wisdom and discretion in the control of the body; therefore harmony and decorum have characterized the meetings while he held the gavel,so we heartily recommend him to any and all persons and especially to the Baptist brotherhood as a Christian gentleman of high character, a strong and forceful gospel minister, and an excellent presiding officer of eight years experi ence Moderator of the largest Asscciation in the state of North Carolina, and as President of the Union Baptist Convention of the whole state of North Carolina, there fore be it

Resolved, that this Association go with him in our prayers to his new field of labor and

Resolve, that we give him some token of our respect for him, that he may have a constant reminder of the esteem in which he is held by this Association,

(Signed) M. W. D Norman,
Pastor Met. Bapt Church
Washington, D. C.

C. M. Cartwright,
Pastor Clive Branch Church
Eliz. City, N, C.

B. W. Dance,
Paster Providence Bapt. Church
Edenton, N. C.

R. A. Morrisy,
Pastor First Bapt. Church
Plymouth. N. C.

C. S. Mitchell,
Recording Sec'y

The resolution was adopted and the Moderator thanked the Association for her consideratien.

Rev. A. B, Vincent expressed his felling of sorrow, because of the losing from state the President of the Convention.

Rev. C. M. Cartwright also spoke regretting the departure of our

brother.

Rev. M. W. D. Norman moved that a collection be taken with which to buy a present. The motion passed and $15.00 was taken up.

The following were appointed to purchase the memento-Revs. B. W. Dance, C. M. Cartwright, M. W. D. Norman. J. T. Doles and W. A. Taylor.

PURCHASE RESOLUTION

At an annual meeting of the Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association held in Edenton. N. C. in May 1916. the following resolution was adopted.

"Resolve that G. D. Griffin, H. H. Norman, R. R. Cartwright, J. H. Perkins, Hannibal Badhan, Miles Badham and Abraham Harrison. Trustees of Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association, be and they hereby authorized, directed and empowered to purchase from J. C. Brooks, at the price of Sixty three Hundred and Sixty ($6360.00) Dollars, and upon the terms hereinafter set out, that price or parcel of land situate on the East side of Brooks and the South side of Speed Streets, in the town of Elizabeth City, N. C. and bounded North by lands belonging to F. W. M. Butler, P. C. Cohoon. Mary C. Overton, Zenas Jennings, Jacob Spellman, heirs of Albert Sawyer and Speed Street; East by lands belonging to Zenas Jennings, B. F. Spencer, G. D. Friffin and Roanoke Institute; South by lands belonging to W. S. Creecy, heirs of Peter Bell, deceased, J. R. Fleming, C. J. Jenkins and Solomon Mullen, and West by Brooks Street and lands belonging to Mary V. Overton.

That the Trustees of Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association, as foresaid are authorized, directed and impowered to execute to J. C. Brooks thirty (30) joint notes or bonds in the sum of Two Hundred and Twelve (212.00) Dollars each, running from one to thirty years, beareng interest from June 1, 1916 at six per cent per annum, interest payable annually, and the Trustees aforesaid are fur ther directed and empowered to execute a Deed of Trust upon the lands above described to secure the notes or bonds aforesaid and interest on the same."

(Signed) G. D, Griffin,

Moderator.

C. S. Mitchell,

Secretary.

Edenton, N. C. May 24 1916.

The fore going resolution is the same that was adopted twelve months ago with a change from Trustees of Roanoke Institute to Tru stees of Roanoke Missionary Baptist Associaton.

A vote of thanks was given Mr. J. H. Homes for three dozen fans presented to the Association.

PLACE

The Committee on Place reported that the next session of the Associaton should be held with Chapel Hill Baptist Church hear Columbia, N. C. in Tyrrell County.

The Annual Sermon to be preached by Rev. A. B. Askew, alternate Rev. W. G. Privott.

The report was adopted.

STATE OF THE COUNTRY

We your Committee on State of the Country beg to submit the the following report;

It is evident that we are living in "perilous times" when the world at large is stirred and distressed by "wars and rumors of wars" affecting very largely the, social moral and the religious concition even in our own land where neutrality has been apparientlymaintained, and further the tendency toward lawlessness inspired by the universal work spirit, is seen in the strikes, lynchings, riots and destruction of property in various section and places be it, resolved:

1 That we declare ourselves in favor of law, order and restraint, and urge the colored people generally to rally themselves at all times with the element of society that favors good government and stands for equity and equality be fore the law.

2 That we commend the President of the United States in his efforts to avoid "foreign entanglement" and preserve nutrality: and also endorse his policy of "preparedness" to the end that we may be able to defend ourselves against attack of a foreign foe.

3 That we condemn lynching as a prostiution of civil goverument and treason against both state and nation, which should be discontinued and discountenanced as breeding anarchy: and to this end we appeal to our people to denounce, from time to time thos e vicious crimes that are given as pretexts for lyching.

4. That we declare ourselves as favorable to national prohibition and the universal abolition of the drink evil.
5. That we commend the high courts of the land for declaring unconstitutional the infamous segregation laws, which are designed wholly to discreminate against the colored population.
6. That we endorse most heartily the movement undertaken by the colored Teachers' State Assocciation, under the direction of Dr. A.-M. Moore, of Durham, N. C. to better the rural schools of the state by the more equetable distribution of the public school funds, and securing other advantages in the interest of public rural schools.
7. That we pledge our loyalty to the government under which we live, and ask that provision be made to allow the oganization of Negro Malitia companies, and thereby afford the Negro apportunity to make himself an efficent defender of the flag should an enegency demand his services.
8. That we ask and urge that all laws that discriminate against the rights and priviliges of the Negro as an American citizen be abolished, ann that the Negro be accepted into our great national body politic on his merit as a man.

Respectfully submitted

M. W. D. Norman, C. M. Cartwright, W. A. Taylor, P. W.-Moore, C. S. Brown. Committee.

The above report was briefly discussed by Rev. Vincent and others and adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Where as the Sunday School has proved an agency for religious uplift of supreme importance where ever it has been given a fair opportunity to assert itself and

Where as in its work, it is an arm to the church as its handmaid, doing training in a way that the church cannot and proving itself to be indespensible and

Where as in every community where the Sunday school is actively at work it is a sure sign that the church is alive, while on the other hand where the interest of the Sunday school has been allowed to wane and die, it is a sign of a declining church and a loss of influence and prestige in the social world and

Where as the hope of the future of the race is wrapped up more in the possibilities of the youth than in the older members and if they are neglected we have neglected the most important work

of the church.

Therefore be it, resolved:

1. That we recognize the importance of the Sunday school and its work and hold it to be indispensible and always cherish it and give it whatever support and encouragement we can

2. That we shall render our efforts to increase its attendance, to further improve the system of training and intruction from time to time, and that we shall faithfully guard the class of teachers chosen to see that none but christian teachers be empolyed and that effort be made to bring the children into the church by regeneration and conversion.

Respectfully submitted

W. B Ashbee, C. C. Somerville, W. H. Byrant, T. C. Cunningham, J. J. Walker.

The foregoing report was adopted.

PULPIT SUPPLIES

The Cimmittee on Pulpit Supplies reported as follows:

To preach --Wednesday

at Gale Street 3: 30 P. M.
Rev. A. D. Moore.
Rev. L. D. Thompson, alt.

at Kedash 7: 30 P. M.
Rev. A. E. Owens.
Rev. U. S. Privott, alt.

THURSDAY

at Gale Street 3: 30 P. M.
Rev. W. A. Cobb.
Rev. W. E. Sanderlin, alt.

at Kedish 7: 30 P. M.
Rev. J. J. Armstrong.
Rev. A. D. Moore, alt.

at Gale Street 7: 30 P. M.
Rev. E. B. Morris.
Rev. W. A. Baker, alt.

A collection of $6. 40 was taken.

Benediction by Rev. C M. Cartwright.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Devotions were conducted by Revs. P. L. Boone and Samuel Felton.

"I heard the voice of Jesus say," was sung, Ps. 1st was read and prayer was offered by Rev. Boone.

The proceedings were read and approved.

The Moderator presented Rev. H. H. Norman, D. D. Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Roanoke Collegiate Institute who read his report as follows.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Brother Moderator Pastors delegates. and friends of Roanoke Association. Dear brothern and Sisters I am in deed glad to be here to day fiftieth Annual sitting of this body of Christian workers of Christ our Lord. We are still facing many obstacles and strong minds that move up against us. But we are still striving in the same direction with hope of better days. For our work in which to get money to run our school plant. our teachers have stated at the post by hard ship, but we hope, to be able relieve them of their trouble at this time, with care let us review our financial statement from may 19 1915. to may 22 1916.

MONEY RECEIVED

From all Sources	
From the Association	$ 718 59
The N. E. Union meeting	257.30
The Middle Grown union meeting	287.06
The Albemarle union meeting	3.50
The Warren Sunday School Con.	5 00
The N. C. State Sunday School Con	5.00
The Perquimans Sunday School	13.00
The N. C. State Con.	1000
The N. E Sunday School Con.	35.00
Salem Sunday School	3 00
Corinth Sunday Sbhool	0.35
Intertainments	275 10
Hall rent	25.25
Tuition from students	194.29
Indemnity fee	22.75
Land Rent	33 00
	1887.19

MONEY BORROWED

Dr. B. W. Dance.	25 00
Thomas Armstead.	5 00
M. Badham,	5.00
J. H. Barclay.	5.00
Rev. L. D. Thompson,	2.00
S. F. Sutton,	5.00
Dr. O. L. Holley,	2.50
William Case	10.00
Rev. J. H. Johnson.	5.00
G. W. Gregory.	1.00
Frank Griffin,	50.00
Phillip Sawyer,	115.00
James N. Gregory,	100.00
The Women's Educational Union.	210 0
P. W. Melick,	30.50
S. L Sykes,	25 00
C. W. Brown,	20.00
Citizen's Bank,	30.00
L. D. Overton,	4.65
W. S. Hill,	1.00
	651.56

CHURCHES AND THEIR PASTORS.

1St.—Baptist Hertford,	$ 36.25
Ellis Temple,	2.00
Dr. G. D. Griffen, Pastor,	38.25
Welch Chapel,	20.00
Gallatia,	15.00
Haven Creek,	5.00
Dr. R R. Cartwright, Pastor.	40.00
New Salem,	25.00
Stephen,	18.19
Saunders Grove,	8.06
Rev. J. H. Johnson, Pastor.	51.16
New Providence,	15.78
Antioch,	9.00
Blanchard Grove,	6.00

Rev. W. E. Sanderlin, Pastor	$ 30.88
New Middle Swamp	20.00
Joppa	8 30
Stoney Branch	5.06
Dr. J. C. Saunders, Pastor	33.37
Galilee	20 00
St. James	10 00
White Oak Chapel	8.00
Rev. B. M. Mullen, Pastor	38.00
Mt. Carmel	15 00
New Bethel	11.25
Dr. A. D. Moore, Pastor	26.25
	247.90

CHURCHES AND THEIR PASTORS

Pool Grove,	5.00
New Sawyers Creek,	25 00
Rev. A. E. Owens, Pastor	30 00
Lebanons Grove,	20.00
Melton Grove	7.50
Salem Baptist	5.00
Pleasant Grove	4 00
Dr. W. H. A. Stallings, Pastor	36.50
Warren Grove,	5.00
New Shiloh	6.00
Center Hill Chapel	4.00
A. B. Askew, Pastor	15.00
New Piney, Grove	5.00
Zion Tabernacle	5 00
Dr. J. T. Doles, Pastor	10.00
St. John, Chowan	15 80
Pleasant Branch	15.57
Dr. H. H. Norman, Pastor	31 37
Corinth, Dr. I. B. Roach, Pastor	30.00
New Hope Dr. C. S. Brown	11 53
Union Chapel. Dr. L. F. Sharp, Pastor	30.00
Philadelphia. Dr. W. T. Askew, Pastor	10 00
Corner Stone. Rev. C. H. D Griffin, Pastor	35.00
Ballard Grove, Rev. G. C. Lassiter, Pastor	2.25

Baptist Rock. Rev. D. Jennings Pastor.	5.00
New Chapel. Dr. B. A. Morrissey Pastor.	4.04
	125.50
	248,40

CHURCHES AND THEIR PASTORS

Alligator Chapel. B. F. Hill Pastor.	2.25
Ceder Branch. I. S Williams Pastor.	2 00
Olive Branch. Dr. C. M. Cartwright Pastor.	5.00
Ballard Grove Rev. G. C. Lassiter, Pastor.	2.25
Providence Edenton. Dr. B. W. Dance, Pastor.	10.00
	21.50
From Churches	517.84
Total Raised on the field	1,706.44
Grand Total Received	$3,056.68

MONEY PAID OUT.

Citizens Bank on note and Interest	145.50
J. C. Brooks, Interest on note	50.00
Philip Sawyer on Interest and note	192.00
P. W. Melick Co.	76.60
John L. Wells Printing	63.50
Dr. C. C. Sommerville, Printing	13.50
	541.10

Teachers on 1914 and 1915 Term.

Prof, C. G. Owing	113.00
Miss A. O. Cooper,	88.75
Prof. J. F. Bright	50.00
Prof C. F Graves,	50.00
Dr. J. T. Doles	70.00
Mrs. H. F. Graves,	100.00
	471.75

1915 and 1916 Term

Prof. C. F. Graves	418.20
Mrs. H. F. Graves,	70.00
Miss Weaver,	155.72
Prof. W. H Cannady,	261.38
Rev G. C. Lassiter,	112.75
Miss A. H. Catlett,	96.00

Miss C. B. Carter,	70.00
Total	1184 05
Grand Total Paid Teachers,	1655.80
	$ 2196.80
H. H. Norman, for services	25.00
J. H. Perkins, for services	3.00
Crystal Ice and Coal Co.	103.00
Insurance on old building	12.00
Total	144.25
Women's Educational Union.	35.00
Dr. B. W. Dance,	25 00
Thomas Armstead,	5.00
M. Badham,	5.00
J. H. Barclay,	5.00
D. L. Thompson	2.00
S. F Sutton,	5 00
Dr. O. L. Holley,	2.00
William Case,	10.00
Rev. J. H. Johnson,	5.00
G. M. Gregory,	1 00
Frank Griffin,	44.00
J. D. Williams,	42.50
James N. Gregory,	55.00
S. L Sykes,	25.00
L. D. Overton,	4 65
C. M. Brown,	20 00
	291.65
	435.90

MONEY PAID OUT

Traveling by Prof. C. F. Graves,	$ 133.73
H. H. Norman,	3.20
R. R. Cartwright,	1.00
Mrs. C. G. Price,	1.00
Total	$ 138.93
Telephone and Telegram,	40.97
Printing,	36.70
For Speakers,	13.90

Janitor Services,	2.30
Pastors,	26.73
Mdse.	1066.07
Repairing and Com. expences,	70.28
Diplomas	22.50
	458.98
A grand total paid out	$ 3091.78

CHURCHES THAT PAID ON THE SIGHT OF LAND

First Baptist Hertford,	16.00
First Baptist Hertford S. School,	16.00
Corinth,	35.00
Pleasant Branch.	16.00
S. White,	16.00
First Zion Grove,	2.00
New Chapel,	14.38
New Bethel,	1.00
Alumni Association,	16.00
New Providence,	5.00
New middle Swamp,	10.00
	147.38
Paid J. C Brooks,	150.00

H. H. Norman. Sec.

INDEBTEDNESS FOR 1915 AND 1916

Citizen's Bank on note,	700.00
Interest on same	21.50
G. D. Griffin note and interest,	$ 1348
	1134.98
J. C Brooks. Note and interest by G. D. Griffin,	530.00
Dr. J. Brooks, note and interest by C. F. Graves,	168.54
Phillip Sawyer, note	100.00
John L. Wells, Printing Co.	32.00
Prof. P. W. Moore,	20.00
S. L. Sykes,	20.00
Women's Educational Union,	215.00
Crystal Ice and Coal Co.	45.00

James N. Gregory,	55.00
So. Sch. Sup. Co. for desk.	63.80
Va. Sch. Sup. Co. for black boards	59.06
C. C. Sommerville, Printing Co.	3 50
Independent Printing Co.	10.00
West Disinfecting Co.	20.00
A. S. Bornes, Co. for books.	9 00
Theo Presser Co. for Music	16.00
Sumner Printing Co.	10 00
Girm Co Essentials Classes.	4.50
Am. Baptist Pub. Co.	1.25
Kramer Bro. Co.	37,22
Insurance on New building.	54.00
H. H. Norman,	35.00
Total	2644.00
J. T. Doles,	13.00
J. F. Bright,	61.00
C. F. Graves,	497.84
Mr. H. F. Graves,	238 85
Miss M. L. Weaver,	36.78
W. H. Cannady,	113.62
G. C. Lassiter,	87.25
Miss A. H. Catlett,	91 50
W. E. Sanderlin,	20 00
	1309.34
	3953 55

H. H. NORMAN, SEC'Y.

The report was adopted.

Prof. C. F. Graves read his annual report as President of Roanoke Institute as follows,

PRESIDENT GRAVE'S REPORT.

20th Annul Report of the President of the Roanoke Collegiate Institute to the Roanoke Baptist Association.

Brother, Moderator, Delegates and visiting Friends to Roanoke Association, Greeting.

Twenty years checkered with changing circumstances especially in the educational field of our endeavor are behind us as we

stand here to day upon the eminence of these two decades. I can not recount in words the experiences of sorrow, nor the moments of joy we have had during the eventful time. were I to attempt it, my tears would intermingle and drown amid your tears as each vivid chapter of our glorious history might be recounted and while we dwelt upon the way in which the Lord had led us; these emotions would rekindle within us until no sounds at all would be heard save the muffled sobs above the wild consternation about us.

During the greater part of this following in the paths so beautifully blazed out by my illustrious predecessor, you have been inclined to keep to listen to my feeble voice and impotent speech, as I have tried to keep the way plain before you in educa tion and with diligence and supplication exhorted you to make the educational path in which we were all walking straighter be fore our faces. How much energy we have spent in this direction how often my heart has sunken within me, how many wrinkles have been furrowed through my youthful brow how many hairs have been ruthlessly and untimely plucked from my wearied brow by the insatiable teeth of time in the effort tohave others to see as I thought I saw,only my Master is able to divine. However I am thankful that I have come to this hour with the results that seem to be evident before our eyes.

It is also very clear to me that no mortal man could even ap, pear to be of any service however humble unless he had the closest cooperation. And in this particular I can confidently say that we have had up to the present so far as I know christian men. Our, school Board I am frank to state is not a Board of politcians, schemers nor narrow selfish men They are after fifteen years of contact whith them apparently as honest, candid and clean and christian hearted set of men as can be found anywhere. And their attitude has greatly strengthened me in the exercise of upright principles in the work set before us

My contract with the ministers has been in spring and congeni al, They are, indeed a select group of men. I do not know of a single one for whom I have not the highest personal admiration. Our laymen too are prosperous, good natured and willing every where I have met them. And any class of people who will under take the brave act of rnnniug a school or any enterprize on their resources are to be congratulated warmly; and yet thatis just what the laymen are doing in conection with this Association.

My inspiration also gained from the women u nder the leader ship of that splendid christian woman, Mrs. Margaret E. Burke has stood me in good stead each year we have gathered. And what man is there among us who is so dull and insensible as not to be moved by the alliance with godly women? We have an organization of young people under that quiet unassuming every day sort of man J. B. Wood and under that prayerful christian gentleman J. H. Perkins that is going to mean much for the work we are en gaged in. Then too ever teacher which we have ever employed has has help us, every pupil enrolled and every and every person grad_ uated has added so much to the sum total of the 20 years educa- tional endeavor by you. It will not be out of place I think to say again as we have often said that besides the dollars that have been spent in education our young people; we have in return an educa ted people. Educated in those stronger mor e substantial far reach- ing virues than the educatien of books is able to provid e. I refer to the discipline acquired in the art of self initiation or self depen- dence as a race. And see to what extent we, even in this Associ- ation have been able to work this principle. While I know it is true that many would have this world's goods because of certain innate qualities, still I believe that many of us who now own ho- mes, land and horses and other comforts have been strengthened in our possessions by these periodic, sane, stimulating agitations engendered because of the needs of Roanoke Institute. Therefore our communicants have been helped in the larger sense and have been fully paid for every dollar paid for education during the twen ty years.

The school year which closed May, 12th. was encouraging. like previous years its operation has taught lessons of patience and industry. We had good teachers and without which we could not have had a good school. There were 300 pupils enrolled in all class es. An added feature of the year was an evening class which proved to be interesting and added much interest to the spirit of the student body. Eight students were graduated at the commence ment, making a total of 110 diplomas issued for graduation since the establishment ef Roanoke Institute by you. I think it is safe to say that these graduates compare very favorably and in some respects surpass in literary preparation some graduates coming from other places. This of course is no reflection in any man-

ner upon graduates coming from other schools; it simply shows the concrete, tangible work done and the fine selection the Insti tution is able to draw from its supports. For in the last analysis it will be plainly seen that schools even do not make something out of nothing. These young people will achieve what the world calls succes·s if they are encouaged when they deserve encouragement they will will also become what the world determines a failure if they do not seek and come under the proper religion and social environment, I commend their talents to your consideration.

I have told you before in a frank, elobrate and most succinct manner in my annual address, the function statues of the Denominational school. I refer you again in to that report for a second reading and reflection and I shall not here therefore burden you again with a lenghty discussion of the same. It is enough though to tell you that Roanok Association must redouble her energies for the school buisness and not be pushed to the wall. She must not have her ideal of a school to be run by her so low and inefi cient. She must not be afraid to go to her length to rnn it. She must realize that the School is the most potent exponent of her by porducts that she can possibly show to the world and to her own commuicants .For it is from that places asacitadel that her sons and daughters must prophesy aud see visions. She must love and nurtute her ofspring as much as she loves the church. She must feel the great throbbing need of the School to the end that sacri fices will be made to maintain her up to the standard with both menand means. In concluding this report to you my friends, my heart is free from guile against you nor am I tempered to speak evil of the work nor the workers set before us. I have repeatedly and at lenghth from time to time for 15 years from a thousand platforms in this Association rehearsed diligently the work and needs of our school to you and you have generously responded I have tried to heighten your spirit of public pride in the object of you support and I believe it has been heightened. I have tried with all my poor power to advocate the principles of manly en deavor in school building by us during these 15 years of my allegi ance to its prestige extended and there is now to our credit beside the graduates and students whose lives have been touch, nearly ten acres of land and two buildings with fixtures all told amou nt ing to about, nearly $25.000 valuation. This has been accomplished

of every possible cppsiton. This then is the contribution which Roanoke Association and her auxiliaries in an organized way offers to the uplift of mankind. But we can not rest upon idle oars we must come up: (Gen. Lee, to Gen. HIll,)

Brother Moderator, you whom Roanoke Institute claims as among the first fruits of her proud and illustrious roll of honor, you who have been diligent and outspoken for your Alma Mater during your incumbency in office,you who have been earnest and able in advocating the cause, you who have had visions concerning the growth and expansion of you Alma Mater as I have, I thank you for your fine sympathetic cooperation, but we must come up. Rev. R. R. Cartwright, Chm. of our Board of Trustees, on whose most excellent, steady cool and unshaken confidence in us and the school have served as a veritable risk of defences at times against the pitiless and illtimed onslaughts of the would be opposers and week kneed and vacillating individuals among us. I thank you for your cooperation, but we must come up Secretary Norman your presistent and indefategable labors on behalf of this work for these twenty years have gone up to Almighty God as a sweet smelling savor into eternal Nostrils, I thank you do not be impatient do not get wearied, we must come up. Brother. Hannibal Badham, arch tect and builder of stately Roanoke Hall, you whose eyes have been looking on with that other venerable and sable farther in the gospel. Rev. I. B. Roach, waiting in expectancy. hope and anticiapation to the young men that they too, might be filled with a greater spirit of sacrifice then you,were filled, I have talked with you often over thefuture of Roanoke and you have encouraged and stood by me and believed in me, you are getting on down to the shore now, I thank you tell the boys that they must come up. School Board members, Perkins, Williams, Badham, Harrison, Williams, Griffin, We have done nobly this year as, in the past the obligations that you assume are the obligation that only real men assume, I thank you, what will do in the next year: Gentlemen we must come up. To that able Group of pastors some of whom are Graduates of R. C. I. and who are talking each week to thousands of people from their pulpits. Revs. Griffin, Sanderlin Askew, A. B. Askew, W. T. Mullen, Lassiter, Sharp, L. F. and W. T. W. S. Creecy, Johson, Cartwright, Moore, Morrissey, Owens, Brinkley, Cobb, Doles, Brown, Wynne, Jennings, Will-

iams, Hill, Cooper, Price, Privott, Stalling, Saunders, Barrett, you who have allowed and invited me often to your rostrum to present the claims of the denomination to the people and have reenforced my work with strength thank you brother pastors you have done your duty as you saw it, but we must come up. There is also a line group ministers not in the pastorate who help in anumber of ways: and then our loyal lay men upon whom we must always depend for the backbone and sinews of war, brethren you have played the most heroic part but we must come up Sister it is hard to ask of you more than what you have aye ready done, we thank you leading women of a race in need of your help sisters, Burke, Jennie, Graves, Price Roberts, Hinton, B. L. Askew Bough Hall, Dunbar, Simmons, Bowser, Saunders, woodley, Tillett, Reid, White, Martin, Lowther, and others but we ask you also to come up. Brethren Wood, Perkins, Beasley, Holley, Douglas, Bartler, Stewart, Felton, Riddick, Archer, Mercer, Walston Cunningham, Hassell, Harrison, and others of the S. S. Convention and the B. Y. P. U. we must come up. Rev. B. W. Dance rising and influential young moderator of Middle Grouud. you are fast bringing things to pass in Middle old Ground Union and it is telling greatly in your favor, we thank you heartily for the kind reception always accorded us when among you but we must come up higher The N E. B. Union under that tried leader of men Rev. R. R. Cartwright, has never missed letting the Roanoke Institute know what side she is on, but brother moderator we must come up. And now to that number of our sons whom we have lent to other fields for a while and who are accustomed to return to us upon these and need out pourings and bring us their greetings, among them that quiet, orderly, young man, Rev. E. B. Morris of Va. that dapple, vivacious and good natured influential and tidy young man who is bringing things to terms Suffolk, Rev. J. A Harrell to that able and sterling pastor of Mathews, Va. Rev. H. A. Brinkley, that splendid gospel preacher and singer of the songs of Zion of Va. Rev. W. A. Baker, that silver tongue orator and ornate speaker, that winning personality, that sweet toned electrifier with gospel tidings, that getter of results. Dr. W. A. Taylor of Washington, and last but no means least that able and equalled pulpiteer that went out from us and yet he comes to us, that noble and manly physique that stalks among us annually at these meetings that unequalled and most learned pastor and presid-

ing officer in the Dist. Col.. that modern Cicero of the forensic and artistic speech and suavity of speech and manners, that 20th century scholar of theoretical and applied homiletics, that genial and presposessing personage, that big hearted buxom spirited, balsam souled man, that noblest Roman of them all Dr. M. W. D. Norman, we thank God and take courage for your help but we must all come up. And to that long list of graduates and friends to Roanoke Institute we invite you all to come up and help us to help ourselves. And finally will you submit for this to be our prayer, will you with bowed heads listen to its pleadings to God on our behalf while it to you?

We implore thy blessin O, God on all the men and the women who have helped in this work, for they indeed are the potent keepers of our homes and the holders of our fortunes. Into their hands daily is conmitted the custody of school, and our children, the dearest on earth that we have. and as we make our so shall the years which are before us see them, Graut these men and women an biding consciousness that we are coworkers with thee, thou great teacher of humanity and that thou hath charged us with the holy duty of bringing and setting for the examples to the budding life of the young that mysterious store of abiltity and character which thou hast hidden in them. Teach us to reference our race on sibility from thee so that the new generations may not rise to rue us be cause of our slothfulness: but will praise us because they are permitted to rise to higher levels through our wisdom and faithfulness. Gird us for our task with thy patience and tranquility, and with special tenderness for those who are unable to see as we do. Who are backward in enterprise and who are afflicted with selfishness and malice. Save us from physical exhaustion, from loneliness, from discouragement, from the numbness and exasperation which come from false friends and from grinding and merciless routine, save us from all bitterness of heart because of apparent neglect and unprovision we bless thee for the free and noble spirit which is breathing upon and quickening the educational life of to day; and for the men and women of large mind and loving heart who are making that spirit our common possession by their teaching and example. But grant that a higher obedience and a norbler self expression may grow in the dawning of the new freedom.

We remembor with gratitude to these Godly persons who

have won our hearts to higher purposes by the sacred cantagion of their lives, may the strengh and Christ like servcie still be plainly wrought in the lives of their successors that those who follow may not want for strong models of devout manhood about whom and around whom their character must be moulded and entwined. Reward thy servants with a glad senes of having performed even the humblest duty as teachers and leaders in life, and in the heat of the day do thou show us the spring by the wayside that flows from the eternal silence of God and gives new light to the eyes of all who drink of it. Amen.

Prof. Graves, made also a very strong argument and plea for the substantial support of the school.

On motion the address was adopted.

A collection of $110.96 was taken. The following gave the amounts set against their names.

Rev. M. W. D. Norman,	5.00
" C. M. Cartwright,	5.00
" E. M. Lassiter,	5.00
" W. A. Taylor,	5.00
" H. H. Norman,	5.00
" R. A. Morrisy,	2.00
" C. H. D. Griffin,	5.00
" R. R. Cartwright,	5.00
" B. M. Mullen,	5.00
Miss Vila Welch,	1.00
Miss A. M. Vann,	1.00
W. H. Owens,	1.00
J. R. Spruill,	1 00
W. A. Riddick,	1.00
W. H. Case,	1.00
Miles Badham,	1.00
Rev, C. S. Brown,	2.00
W. H. Norman,	1.00
Esau Johnson,	1.00
Rev. B. W. Dance,	5.00
H. Badham,	1.00
Rev. J. J. Armstrong,	2.00
Rev. J. T. Doles,	10.00

Benediction by Rev. C. M. Cartwright.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION.

Praise service was enjoyed and a collection of $3,27 was taken.

Devotions were conducted.

"Soldiers of Christ well done," was sung the 90th Ps. read and prayer offered by Rev. I. N. Holly.

Rev. Dr. M. W. D, Norman was presented by the Moderator. He preached the funeral of Rev. A. L. Parker.

Dr. Norman took for his text 2 Tem., 4:7.

"I have fought a good fight."

He said in part that regeneration is the first essential for faith. Faith is the foundation for boldnesr to speak out for Christ. We are living in an age of contention and must contend against self, sin and the devil and the forms and fashions of this world.

We are race runners who must look one way and look as we run and keep the faith.

The cause has been assigned to each one to be pursued and a definite time allotted.

A great reward is in store for every soldier and race runner who keeps the faith.

The sermon was a real treat and all feasted on the good things that were given out so bounteously and fluently.

Prayer was freely offered by Rev. E. M. Lassiter.

A collection of $8.77 was taken.

Mrs. Margaret E. Burke, President of the Women's Convention was presented and told of the work the women are doing.

She stated that the women had decided to pay off the the old bonded debt on Roanoke Institute. Amotion passed that the sisters be allowed to assumed the responsibility and pay off the old bounded debt of lhe school.

A collection of $12.26 was taken.

Doxology was sung and benediction announced by Rev. H. M. Malsy.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Devotions were conducted by Revs.

Samuel Felton, and J. H. Johnson, "Father I stretch my hand to thee" was sung. The 121st Ps. was read and prayer was offered by Rev. J. H. Johnson.

The minutes were read and approved.
Deacon Perkins made announcement of the great meeting to be held at Welches Chapel in July.
Rev. J. H. Johnson spoke to in courage the young people.
The Committee on Credentials have examined the credential of the followiug brothren and find them to be worthy of your acceptance, viz: G. C. Lassiter, W. S. Creecy. U. G. Privott and H. Williams,

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was adopted and the right hand of fellowship was given them. The Moderator presented Rev. C. S. Brown. Corresponding Secretary of the Union Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.
Dr. Brown, said that this Association is in the lead of the Baptist forces of the state and urged that we do something for Mission.
He gave a fine account of his trip to Hati which was listened to with wrapped attention.
A collection for foreign mission and for Hati of $ 23.16 was taken.
Benediction by Rev. B. W. Dance.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotions were conducted by Revs. E. Roberts, and J. B. Trafton.
"I was a wandering sheep" was sung. Ps. 100 was read and prayer was offered by Rev. Trafton.
"I know that my Redeemer lives", was sung.
The proceedings were read and approved.
The Committee on New Churches reported as follows.

NEW CHURCHES.

We your Committee on New Churches beg leave to submit the following report.

The New Light Baptist Church of Grasfield, Va. was organized properly and in accordance the regular Baptist usage The above church presents herself for membership in this Association by paying a fee of three dollars.

Pastor Rev. A Hopper, Hickory, Va.

Respectfully submitted,
The Committee.

The Committee on Education read their report as follows,

EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education considering the educational condition recognizes than much indeed has been done along educational line, As a race of people we have made great educational progess, reducing out illiteracy 70 per. since freedom, but in this Association in particular have we encouraged and inspired the people to education until it might be safely said that there is not a home within this boundary that has not been permeated with education al enthusiam gained becausc of added imformation about edcation and especially at Roanoke Institute do we believe that Christian education is encouraged. We commend the school to the interests of the people as a safe place to seek their children. Furthermore we urge upon all the people to attend the public schools in their respective district and communities. They are fun to us for our patronage and the people should make ample use of them when it is not convenient to send to the Associational school at Elizabeth City, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,
The Committee,

THE REPORT WAS ADOPTED.

TEMPERANCE.

Whereas the cause of temperance has assumed an agitation that is practically world wide, Even the armies of fallen and unfortunate Europe have had to place prohibitive restrictions on their soldiers in order to save themselves, and whereas the cause of temperance having grown until locally nationally and even world wide it is discussed from the scientific as well the economic and practical view points, therefore we recommend:

1. That we place ourselves on record as favoring state and nation Prohibition.

That we place ourselves on record for active co-operation with the powers that be to secure the best results in the enforcement of the laws.

3. That we would favor the proper restraint on the use of all dopes encluding norcotics, use of cigarettes and snuff to our youths, and

especially the use of cocaine, etc. to be prohibited except as advised by a doctor.

4. That a reasonable and wise restraint be placed on the foolish, ridiculous and unheartly modes of dress.

5. That we use restraint in the matter of excessive and irregular eat ing, and judgement as to the importances of the proper amount of sleep, the great value of system and time in late hours of public meetin gs. The restraint and control of the tongue, and wise and deliberate deportment and self control in all matters of social dif ference, and the prayerful and wise Christian way in all our delib-erations collectively and individually.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

THE COMMTTIEE.

The above report on temperance was adopted.

The Committee on Apportionment reported as follows.

We. your Committee on Apportionment ask to mak the following report.

We recommened:

1—That each Church pay the same as she was assessed for 1916.

2—That two thirds of the amount assesed be sent to the Secretary of the Trustee Board while the school is in session as provided by the "Institute Day" place.

3—That the remainder be brought unapportioned to the Associa tion for its distribution.

THE COMMITTEE.

THE REPORT WAS ADOPTED.

Rev. Dr. C. M. Cartwright was master of ceremoines and pre sented Rev. B. W. Dance who following a very approprite speach, presented to Rev. G. D. Griffen, the Moderator a beautiful chain and charm as a token of esteem from the Association. Rev. Griffin received with deep feeling and modest demeanor the token presented.

The committee on Officers read their report which after much discussion was adopted. Rev. G. D. Griffin made his report as collector and reported $ 9.65. His report was adopted.

Motion that the Trustees of the Association be authorized to borrow $ 200.00 to meet the needs of the Trustee Board was passed.

Motion that the Trustee Board be authorized to borrow $ 600.00 aside from the previous authorization was passed.

The Financial Secretary read his report which was adopted.

The Statistical Secretary submitted his report which was adopted.

Benediction by Rev. C. M. Cartwright,

Adjournment.

G. D. Griffin, Moderator.

C. S. Mitchell, Secretary.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Whereas the pastor Rev. B. W. Dance, D. D. and the faithful and loyal members of Providence Baptist Church and other churches here have so hospitably and royally entertained the members of this Association, during this session, sparing no pains to make our stay in their midst a source of pleasure and enjoyment be it resolved;

That as an expression of our high appreciation for the same we tender them a vote of thanks.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

R. A. Morrisey.

Adopted by a standing vote.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

MAY 1915 TO MAY 1916.

RECEIVED ON THE FIELD.

Roanoke Institute,	1629.49
Albemarle Training School,	300.
Expended as Per reports rendered,	1929.49

RECEIVED AT ANNUAL SESSION.

Church Report,	874.93
Collections,	243.24
Minister Assessments	52.

Total received May 1915 to 1916.	1170.17
	3099.66

DISBURSEMENTS.

W. S. Turner for Shaw,		12 03
Harry Woodley		3.05
C. S. Brown for Hati and Mission		23 05
Pay of officers,		62.50
Expenses of Ex. Board,		31.51
N. E. Saunders, Printing.		4.50
H. H Norman, Traveling expense of Trustee Board		30.
C. S. Mitchell for Campiling minutes,		15.
A. T. School		78.35
Expenses of Moderator,	14.92	
Vigil for printing Notices	5.00	
Mrs. M. E. BurkeS for women's Convention		12.26
Trustee Board for R. Inst.		877.95
		1170.17

MINISTERS DIRECTORY.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Alexander, W. G.	R.1 Hertford,	N. C.
Armstrong, J. J.	"	N. C.
Askew, S. A.	Tyner,	N. C.
Basnight, Sidney	Gum Neck,	N. C.
Bennett, C. W.	Columbia,	N. C.
Bond Clifton,	Eliz City,	N, C.
Bowser, W. H.	South Shore,	N, C.
Brown, C. S., D. D.	Winton	N. C.
Brinkley, W. F.	Edenton,	N. C.
Cartwright, C. M., D. D., L. L, D.	Eliz. City	N. C.
Cartwright, R. R., D. D.	Belcross.	N. C.
Cobb, W. A., D. D.	Suffolk,	Va.
Creecy, W. S.	Rich Square,	N. C.
Dance, B. W., D. D.	Edenton,	N. C.
Griffin, C. H. D.	Eliz. City,	N. C.
Griffin, G. D., D. D.	Tampa,	Fla.
Harrell, B. D.	Corapeake,	N. C.
Hassell, J. M.	Burgess,	N. C.
Hill, B. F.	Columbia,	N. C,

Hollomon, W. G.		Jamesville,	N. C.
Hopper, H.		Hickory,	Va.
Johnson, J. H.		Eliz. City,	N. C.
Jo nes Love,		Eliz. City,	N. C.
Lassiter, G. C.		Eliz. City,	N. C.
Lassiter, E. M., D. D.	404 B. Ave. So.	Norfolk,	Va.
Mitchell, C. S.		Gatesville,	N. C.
Morrisey, R. A,. D. D.		Plymouth,	N. C.
Mullen, B. M.	R. 1	Eliz. City	N. C.
Norman, H. H., D. D.		Eliz, City,	N C.
Norman, M. W. D., D. D. L.	L. D.	Washington,	D. C.
Owen, A. E.	R. 4	Norfolk,	Va.
Paker, A. A.	R. 1	Suffolk'	Va.
Price, S. M.		Eliz. City,	N. C.
Privott, U. G.		Edenton,	N. C.
Saunders, W. E.		Eliz. City,	N. C.
Saunders, J C.		Corapeake,	N. C.
Saunders, J. C.		Corapeake,	N. C.
Sharp, L. F., D. D.		Edenton,	N. C.
Sharp, Thomas.		Harrellsville,	N. C.
Trafton, J. B.	514 Shine St.	Lewiston,	N. C.
Williams, Augustus	224 A. Ave.	Berkley,	Va.
Williams, J. L.		Moyock,	N. C.
Williams, H.		So. Norfolk,	Va.

RETIRED LIST.

Feltion, Samuel	Edenton,	N. C.
Spence, Jas. E.	Eliz. City,	N. C.
Woodley, Harry	Eliz. City,	N. C.
Wynne, Richard	Edenton,	N. C.

LICENSED.

Bright, Joseph		Weeksville, N. C.
Cofield, G. C		Hertford, N. C
Cooper, W. C.	R. 2	Weeksville, N. C.
Cross, Robert		Gates, N C
Felton, C. C.	R. 1	Tyner, N. C
Felton, Llewellyn	R. 2	Tyner, N. C.

obbs, John ---------- Eliz. City, N. C.
reeman, Henderson ---------- Eliz City, N. C.
ibson, E. J. ---------- Eliz. City N. C.
lobbs, Miles ---------- Hobbsville, N. C.
nkins, Thomas ---------- Eure, N. C.
hnson, Isaac ---------- Edenton, N. C.
amb, R. C. ---------- Edenton, N.
loore, W. M. ---------- R.2 Edenton, N. C.
atterson, C. H. ---------- Mamie, N. C.
ierce, Thomas ---------- Vine, Va.
iddick, W. A. ---------- Cresswell N. C.
hompson, L D. ---------- Hertford, N. C
alentine, H. A W ---------- Edenton, N. C.
ard, J W. ---------- Eliz. City, N. C.
hite, T. A. ---------- Eliz. City, N. C.
ynn, J. H. ---------- Eliz. City, N. C.

he foregoing named person answered the roll call and paid their ssessments.

The following persons failed to answer the roll call and pay their nnual assessments

. T. Doles, ---------- Ambros Jones, ---------- J. A. Mebane,
. H. A. Stallings, ---------- A. D. Moore, ---------- J. W. Murray,
. A. Baker, ---------- J. A. Nemo, ---------- E. E. Randolph,
. L. Barrett, ---------- M. T. Riddick, ---------- W. S. Sharp,
---------- T. W. Stewart, ---------- E. G. Armstead,
. C. Cunningham, ---------- J. A. Britt ---------- J. T. Jones,
H. Hathaway, ---------- J. T. Melton, ---------- E. D. Nowell,
. L. Holly, ---------- A. G. Perry, ---------- J. E. Tillett,
. V. James, ---------- H. W. Welch, ---------- Z. B. Wynn,
. Jennings, ---------- H. H. Bowe, ---------- Alphonso Foreman,
. W. Mizell, ---------- N. E. Mercer, ---------- D. S. Nichols,
dward Roberts, ---------- I. A. Riddick
. T. Simpson, ---------- W. H. Byrant, ---------- I. B. Roach,
. J. Walker, ---------- Moses Webb, ---------- T. B. Bartlett,
T. W. Byrant, ---------- H. R. Burke,
. W. William, ---------- E. Fauntleroy, ---------- G. W. Felton,
. Hoggard, ---------- C. H. Morrisette, ---------- T. R. Riddick,
enry Smith, ---------- H. A. W. Valentine, ---------- Matthew Hyter,
A. Hinton, ---------- S. Bright, ---------- W. B. Ashbee.

YR.	PLACE	MODERATOR	CLERK	ASSISTANT CLERK	Pr. of Int, Sermon.
1866	Haven Creek	L. W. Boone	J. T. Reynold	J. A. Fleming	L. W Boone
1867					
1868					
1869					
1870					
1871					
1872					
1873	Antioch	L. W. Boone	Ashbery Reid	A. M. Wynn	William Reid
1874	New Chapel	L. W. Boone	Ashbery Reid	H. C. Crosby	L. W. Boone
1875	New Middle Swamp	L. W. Boone	Ashbery Reid	M. Wynn	E. Reynold
1876	Jerusalem	L. W. Boone	Ashbery Reid	J. B. Catus	Z. H. Berry
1877					
1878	New Bethany	L. W. Boone	Ashbery Reid	G. A. Mebane	A. Mebane
1879	New Sawyer's Creek	William Reid	Ashbery Reid	G. A. Mebane	J. A. Fleming
1880					
1881	Lebanon's Grove	William Reid	Ashbery Reid	G A. Mebane	C. E. Hodges
1882	Pleasant Plains	Z. H. Berry	Ashbery Reid		J. K. Lamb
1883	Union Chapel	Z. H. Berry	Ashbery Reid	G. A. Mebane	Luke Pierce
1884	Zion Hill	Z. H. Berry	Ashbery Reid	G. A. Mebane	G. W. Lee
1885	Providence	G. W. Lee	Ashbery Reid	G. A Mebane	William Reid
1886	Antioch	G. W. Lee	Ashbery Reid	A. S. Dunstan	G. W. Lee
1887	Sycamore Chapel	G. W. Lee	Ashbery Reid	A. S. Dunstan	Z. H. Berry

1888 Christain Home	I. B. Roach	Ashbery Reib	A. S. Dunstan	J. W. Archer
1889 New Hope	J. W. Archer	Ashbery Reid	A. S. Dunstan	J. W. Goodwin
1890 Hertford	S P. Night	R ks Turner	A. S. Dunstan	L. C. Newby
1891 Joppa	E. H. Griffin	Rooks Turner	A S. Dunstan	J. A. Fleming
1892 New Chapel	G. W. Lee	Rooks Turner	A. S Dunstan	J. W. Archer
1893 Olive Branch	J C. Saunders	A S. Dunstar	A. S. Dunstan	M. W. D. Norman
1894 Welch's Chapel	M. W. D Norman	A. S. Dunstan	A. S. Dunstan	C. M. Cartwright
1895 St. Mark	J K. Lamb	A. S. Dunstan	J. W. Parker	S. P. Knight
1896 New Bethel	S. P. Night	A. S. Dunstan	J. W. Parker	H. H. Norman
1897 Mount Eprew	C E. Hodges	A. S. Dunstan	B F. Holly	E. H. Griffin
1998 New Sawyer's Creek	C. M. Cartwright	J. R. Fleming	B F. Holly	I. S. Arnold
1899 Weeping Mary	I. B. Roach	E Felton	E. W. Felton	G. D. Griffin
1900 Riddick's Grove	I. B. Roach	W. A. Taylor	E. W. Felton	S. Hockaday
1901 Warren's Grove	I. B. Roach	W. A. Taylor	Z. W. White	E. M. Lassiter
1902 Union Chapel	I. B. Roach	C. S. Mitchell	A. Hayes	G. T. Waugh
1903 1st Col. Hertford	I. B. Roach	C. S. Mitchell	A. Hayes	B. W. Dance
1904 Mt Carmel	I. B. Roach	C. S. Mitchell	W. S. Roach	L. F Sharp
1905 St. Paul	I. B Roach	C S. Mitchell	W. S. Roach	Z. W. White
1906 Providence	I. B. Raoch	C S Mitchell	W. S. Roach	A. D. Moore
1907 Corner Stone	I. B. Roach	C S. Mitchell	W. S. Roach	I. S. Riddick
1908 New Chapel	I. B. Roach	C. S. Mitchell	W. S. Roach	W. A. Taylor
1909 Christain Home	G. D. Griffin	C. S. Mitchell	W. S. Roach	Dr. Bishop Johnson
1910 Lebanon Grove	G. D. Griffin	C. S. Mitchell	W, S. Roach	R. V. James

HISTORICAL TABLE ROANOKE MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

YR.	PLACE	MODERATOR	CLERK	ASSISTANT CLERK	Pr. of Int, Sermon.
1911	Corinth	G. D. Griffin	C. S. Mitchell	W. S. Sharp	C H. D Griffin
1912	St. John (Wash)	G. D. Griffin	C. S Mitchell	J. T. Doles	W. H. A. Stallings
1913	Welch's Chapel	G. D. Griffin	C. S. Mitchell	J. T. Doles	C. M. Cartwright
1914	St. Stephen	G D. Griffin	C. S Mitchell	J. T. Doles	B. M. Mullen
1915	1st. Col. Hertford	G. D. Griffin	C. S. Mitchell	J. T. Doles	W. E. Sanderlin
1916	Providence	G. D. Griffin	C. S . Mitchell	J. T. Doles	R. R. Cartwright

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NAME OF CHURCH	Gained by				Lost by				Membership			S. S. Scholars	Sunday of Preaching	Total Value of Church Property	Debt on Property	Owened Clear	Money Raised 1915 to 1916	Pastor's Salary
	Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Total	Excommunication	Letter	Death	Total	Males	Females	Total							
Alligator Chapel									38	35	93	35	3rd	500		500		65
Antioch	12	2	7	21	4	2	5	11	200	150	350	95	3rd	2000		2000	355	200
Bagley Chapel		6		6			3	3	30	34	64	40	3rd	2000		2000	362	150
Ballard Grove			2	2	1		1	2	41	35		40	4th	2200	200	2000	300	100
Baptist Rock	6	4	5	15			8	8	35	45	80	30	4th	1000				150
Blanchard Grove	1			1					36	29	65	40	4th	1000		1000	255	100
Calvalry									3	7	10		4th					
Cedar Branch	5	1	1	7					26	25	51	18	4th	200			125	65
Center Hill	5			5			2	2	40	45	85	65	3rd	1000		1000	200	
Chapel Hill	8		2	10	3		2	5	100	125	225	50	1st	1000		1000	800	200
Christian Advocate	3			3								56	3rd	1600				140
Christian Home	3		3	6	1	2	1	4	108	137	245	75	4th	2500		2500		175
Corinth	14	4	5	23	30		4	34	98	122	220	118	4th	2500		2500	465	200
Corner Stone	28	10	4	42			4	4	200	300	500	360	1st 3rd	3500		3500	950	504
Ellis Temple					2	4		6	19	21	40	40	1st	1600		1600	214	125
First Baptist Hertford	25	5	25	55	40	4	5	49	150	250	400	250	All	5000	250		2282	850
Gale Street	9	3	4	16	3	4	4	11	60	85	145	90	2, &	4000	3000	1000		
Galilee																		
Gallatia	6		2	8	2	1	4	7	88	90	178	42	3rd	3500	700			175
Haven Creek	5		7	12	3		3	6	78	100	178	75		3500	900	2600	650	200
Jerusalem	1			1										600		600		150
Joppa	15		1	16	3	1	2	6	198	180	378	35		3000	350	2650	950	150

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NAME OF CHURCH	Gained by: Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Total	Lost by: Excommunication	Letter	Death	Total	Membership: Males	Females	Total	S. S. Scholars	Sunday of Preaching	Total Value of Church Property	Debt on Property	Owened Clear	Money Raised 1915 to 1916	Pastor's Salary
Harrells Grove	3	6		9	1			1	12	10	22	23	1st 3d	200	26	174	53	40
Melton Grove	20	1	3	24	6	1	4	11	80	100	180	82	3d	2000		2000	600	180
Mt. Carmel	49		9	58	3		5	8	236	265	501	105	1st	4500		4500	527	250
Mt. Delain	5			5			1	1	40	35	75	50	2d	1000		1000	175	100
Mt. Eprew	28	4	2	34			2	2	65	85	150	75	4th	3000				275
Mt. Pleasant	14		13	27			3	3	78	120	198	40	4th	1000	500	950	2000	400
Mt. Zion	25	8	25	58		1	7	8	200	350	550	150	4th	5000	750	4250	2500	700
New Bethel	31		1	32	2		8	10	230	320	550	75	4th	6000	800	5200	526	245
New Chapel	41	2	18	61	6		5	11	257	434	691	150	2 & 4	3500		3500	1566	480
New Haven	10		5	15	9	1	4	14	78	85	163	40	3d	1000				200
New Hope	31		2	33	22	1	4	27	150	175	325	75	1st	2000		2000	320	200
New Middle Swamp		3	2	5	10	5	6	21	204	328	532	150	4th	3000		3000	420	200
New Piney Grove	15		2	17	12			15	40	55	95	60	3rd	2000		2000	300	
New Providence	22	5	5	32	2	1	2	5	85	150	235	45	1st	2000		2000	500	175
New Ramoth Gilead			1	1		1	1	2	30	38	68	40	2nd	3000				100
New Salem	11		3	14	6		1	7	50	42	92	50	4th	1900		1900	175	120
New Shiloh	4	3	2	9	1	4	2	7	67	89	156		1st	3000		3000	386	190
New Sawyers Creek	11	1	3	15	2	1	5	7	100	112	212	85	4th	4000		4000	452	200
Oak Grove	6	3	5	14	16	3	2	21	83	141	224	105	2. 3. 4	13000	764	12236		540
Olive Branch									75	156	231	100	2. 3. 4					
Philadelphia	38	4	8	50	24		2	6	109	160	269	72	3rd	3500	1500	2000	1000	200
Pleasant Branch	18		4	22	2	2	1	5	63	66	129		2nd	2500		2500		400
Pleasant Grove	8	2	3	13		4		4	48	67	115	125	4th	3500	2300	1200	800	225

Piney Wood Chapel								50	56	106	60	2nd							
Plalmyra								13	15	28	37	4th							
Pools Grove	17		2	19	6		1	7	74	71	143	90	3rd	3000	900	2100		140
Providence	40	4	15	59	10	2	10	22	370	480	850	275	1st, 3d	15000	1000	14000	1500	450
Riddick Grove	18	1	3	22			2	12	150	125	275		2nd	1500				200
Ryans Grove			4	4	8		1	9	28	49	77	27	3rd	800	25	775		84
St. James	7		2	9	9	1	1	11	29	30	59	108	4th	2000	300	1700	400	150
St. John (Chowan)	18		6	24			2	2	120	130	250		1st. 3d	3000	400	2600	500	250
St. John (Pasq.)	25		5	30	40	3	8	51	125	252	377	325	2nd	2000				225
St. John, (Tyrrell)	3			3				10	26	22	48	25	4th	800			200	150
St. John (Wash.)	50	2	2	54	3		3	6	153	172	325	125						300
St. Paul		1	9	10	3	1	1	5	73	82	155	75					388	224
St. Stephen									138	260	398	350	1st					
Salem Baptist	22		8	30	4	1	2	34	50	100	150	75	1st	4075	1600	2475	1000	180
Samuel Chapel,	25	3	5	33	5	1	1	7	35	35	70	35	3rd	1000		1000	250	100
Saunders Grove,	13	3	8	24	7		4	11	83	120	203	45	3rd	2500		2500	213	125
Stoney Branch,	16	2	5	25					125	150	275		3rd	800		800	250	125
Union Chapel,	17		3	20	7		4	11	160	189	349	80		2500			560	250
Warren Grove,	24	1	6	31	6		4	21	179	221	400	52	2nd	3000		3000	568	
Weeping Mary,	50			50					60	125	185	75	1st	3000		3000	250	200
Welches Chapel,	20	6	13	29	11	3	5	19	136	210	345	96	1st	3000	60	2940	523	200
White Oak Chapel,									70	80	150		1st					
Zion Hill,	13		3	16			1	1	13	32	45	50	1st	1000			200	150
Zion Tabernacle,	17	4	11	32	4	3	2	9	96	108	204	90	1st					
New Light,																		
Zion Grove,	10		2	12			2	2	27	40	67	30	1st	1000		1000	160	120

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NAME OF CHURCH	OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION.																				PASTOR
	Association Expenses		Roanoke Institute		New Building		A. T. School		Home Mission		Foreign Mission		Orphan Asylum		State Convention		Minutes Fund		Total Bought		Money Sent Before May 1916		Total Money Paid Since May 1915		
Alligator Chapel			2					59								50			3		2	25	5	25	B. F. Hill
Antioch		55	9				1										50		11		9		20		W. E. Sanderlin
Bagley Chapel			4				2												6						U. S. Privott
Ballard Grove	1		1	75		50		25		25		50		25		25		25	5		5	50	10	50	G. C Lassiter
Baptist Rock	1		3				1												5						D. Jennings
Blanchard Grove	1				5														6						W. E. Sanderlin
Calvary			2	50															2	50					H. H. Norman
Cedar Branch																			5		4		9		Isaiah Williams
Center Hill	1		2				2												11	06	8		19	06	Thomas Sharp
Chapel Hill			6	06			3				1		50		50				10						B. M Mullen
Christian Advocate	1		1		3			50		50	1				1		75		22		1	50	23	50	C. H. D. Griffin
Christian Home			22																15		30		45		I. B. Roach
Corinth	1	90	3		5		1			50	1		1				60		6	98	35		41	98	C. H. D. Griffin
Corner Stone		50			2	48		50		50		50	1		50	1			4		1		5		W. A. Baker
Ellis Temple			1		3														15		25		50		G. D. Griffin
First Baptist Hertford	2		8					50		50		50		50		50	2	50							

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	Association Expenses		Roanoke Institute		New Building		A. T. School		Home Mission		Foreign Mission		Orphan Asylum		State Convention		Minutes Fund		Total	Bought	Money Sent Before May 1916		Total Money Paid Since May 1915		
Gale Street			5				50				50								6						W. T. Askew
Galilee	1	10			1		50				1		50		50		50	15		20		35			B. M. Mullen
Gallatia	1		5		1						1		50					8	50	17		25	50		R. R. Cartwright
Haven Creek	1		7								2		50				50	10		19	89	29	89		R. R. Cartwright
Jerusalem		50	2	80			50				25							4	05						J. J. Armstrong
Joppa	10	50																10	50	12		22	50		J. C. Saunders
Lebanon Grove	10		5		50		1		50		50		50				50	18	50	20		38	50		W. H. A. Stallings
Harrells Grove																		3				3			A A. Parker
Melton Grove	2	50	12				1		25		25		25		25	1		17	50	7	50	25			W. H. A Stallings
Mt. Carmel			5				50		1	50	1		1		50		50	10		15		25			A. D. Moore
Mt. Delain	1		1				50				50		50		50	1		5		5		10			Thomas Sharp
Mt. Eprew			48															48							W. A Cobb
Mt. Pleasant																		10							Richard Cooper
Mt. Zion	2		35		2	25	75											40							E. M. Lassiter
New Bethel			7	70														7	70	11	25				A. D. Moore
New Chapel	3		14	38			2		50		50		2		1		50	23	88						R. A. Morrisey
New Haven			10															10		5		15			W. A. Brinkley
New Hope	1		19								1				50	1		22	50						C. S. Brown
New Middle Swamp	2		15		2		2		50		1		75		75	1		25							J. C. Saunders

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	Association Expenses		Roanoke Institute		New Building		A. T. School		Home Mission		Foreign Mission		Orphan Asylum		State Convention		Minutes Fund		Total		Bought		Money Sent Before May 1916		Total Money Paid Since May 1915								
New Piney Grove			8				50										50	10			5												J. T. Doles
New Providence		50	9														50	10			15		25										W. E Sanderlin
New Ramoth Gilead			2		3													5															I. B. Roach
New Salem	5																	5			25		30										J H Johnson
New Shiloh			15				1		50		50		50		25		25	18			6		24										A. B Askew
New Sawyers Creek			7		75		50		50		75		25		25			10			30		40										A. E Owens
Oak Grove			20	57														20	57														R. R. Cartwright
Olive Branch	1		1		12		50	2		2		2		1	90	1		23	40		5		28	40									C. M. Cartwright
Philadelphia			8						40	1							60	10			10		20										W. T. Askew
Pleasant Branch																		5			15	59	20	59									H. H. Norman
Pleasant Grove	1		6	75			1		50		50						25	10			5		15										W. H. A. Stallings
Piney Wood Chapel																																	
Plalmyra																																	
Pools Grove			1	25	1	25	1	25	1	25	1	25	1	25	1	25	1	25	10		10		20										A. E. Owens
Providence			10		2		35				3							50			10												B. W. Dance
Riddick Grove			3	10	2	25		50	25		25		50		50		25	7	60	7	35	14	95										A. D Moore
Ryans Grove	2						3	85										5	85														G. L. Barrett
St. James		50	4		4			50	50		50		50		25		25	11															R. M. Mullen
St. John (Chowan)	1		10					50					50					12			15	80	27	80									H. H. Norman

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Name of Church	CLERK'S ADDRESS		DELEGATES
Alligator Chapel	Annie Baily, Fort Landing,	N C.	B. F. Hill
Antioch	B. F. Howell, So. Mills	,, ,,	W. E. Sanderlin
Bagley Chapel	C. S. Riddick, Winfall	,, ,,	W. R. Herring, M. J. Perry
Ballard Grove	J. W. Hudgins, Hatesville,	,, ,,	A. Hayes
Baptist Rock	Rebecca Reid. Hickory,	Va.	J. I. Welch
Blanchard Grove	J. O. Burke, Trotville,	N. C.	H. R. Burke
Center Hill	Alonza Felton, Tyner,	,, ,,	Viola Welch
Chapel Hill	J. L. Lewis, Columbia, R. 1	,, ,,	J. L. Lewis
Christian Advocate	Foreman Simmons, Roper Branch,	,, ,,	R. C. Owens
Christian Home	J. M. Kinsey, Moyock,	,, ,,	J. C. Archer
Corinth	W. H. Case, Jarvisburg,	,, ,,	W. H. Case, W. G. Thomas
Corner Stone	D. W. White, Elizabeth City,	,, ,,	J. C Lewis
Ellis Temple	E. C. Reid, Winfall,	,, ,,	J. E. Ellis
First Baptist Hertford	J. B. Wood, Hertford,	,, ,,	W. N. Douglas, J. B. Wood
Gale Street	Miles Badham, Edenton,	,, ,,	Miles Badham
Galilee	W. H. Sutton, Weeksville,	,, ,,	
Gallatia	Weldon Bowe, Durants Neek,	,, ,,	Melton Baysmore, R. A. Overton
Haven Creek	John Pigfoot, Manteo,	,, ,,	Henry Mann
Jerusalem	Lula Bray, Cresswell,	,, ,,	J. J. Armstrong
Joppa	C. H. Hobbs, Trotville,	,, ,,	J. L. Jordan

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Lebanon Grove	J. T. Ferguson, Gatesville, N. C.	E. Roberts
Melton Grove	W. M. Sutton, Winfall, N. C.	A. W. Hofler
Mt. Carmel	W. W. Archie, Eliz. City, N. C.	J. W. Banks
Mt. Delain	N. J. James, Mackeys, N. C.	N. J. James
Mt. Eprew	H. C. Boyd, Roper, N. C.	J. T Hughes
Mt. Pleasant	J. J. Liverman, Gum Neck, N. C.	J. C. Roberts
Mt. Zion	J. H. Williams, 713 Craig St. Berkley, Va.	S. L. Clanton
New Bethel	D. E. Long, Edenton, N. C.	Henry Bonner
New Chapel	J. D. Moore, Plymouth, N. C.	Larkin Smith
New Haven	Charlie Skiner, Burges, N. C.	J. A. Skinner
New Hope	David Rooks, Gates, N. C.	
New Middle Swamp	J. Z. Booker, Corapeake, N. C.	J. M. Lee
New Piney Grove	Willie Nickeus, Gates, N. C.	J. T. Doles
New Providence	M. W.Cowell, Shawboro, N. C.	W. E. Sanderlin
New Ramoth Gilead	F. J. White, Eliz. City, R. 3. N. C.	T. A. White
New Salem	Floyd Cale, Weekswalle,N. C.	W. Cooper
New Shiloh	W. B. Hughes, Belcross, N. C,	W. H. Morrisitte
New Sawyers Creek	J. Q. Lamb, Belcross, N. C.	I. M. Trafton
Oak Grove	C. L. Towe, Hickory, Va.	C. L. Towe
Olive Branch	J. H. Perkins, Eliz. City, N. C.	P. W. Moore, C. B. White

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Philadelphia	Willie Williams, Shiloh, N. C.	J. D. Willians, Z. H. Lewis
Pleasant Branch	John A. Sykes, Mamie, N. C.	C. H. Petterson
Pleasant Grove	S. R. Harrell, Belhaven, N. C.	R. C. Jacocks, L. Lary
Piney Wood Chapel	Abram Eure, Drum Hill, N. C.	
Plalmyra	Edward Spence, Eliz. City N. C.	
Pools Grove	Andrew Mabin, Chapanoke, R. 1 N. C.	Andrew Mabin
Providence	B. F. Holly, Edenton, N. C.	B. F. Holly, Richard Hawkins
Riddick Grove	J. W. Hurdle, Belvidere, N. C.	John H. Riddick
Ryans Grove	M. J. Drew, Edenton, N. C	J. L. Barrett
St. James	John K. Sharp, Eliz. City, N. C.	M. V. Mebane
St. John (Chowan)	W. W. Lowther, Edenton, N. C.	Roland Lamb
St. John (Pasq.)	Calvin Taylor, Weeksville, N. C.	Clifton Bond
St. John, (Tyrrell)	J. I. Liverman, So. Shore, N. C.	A. T. Liverman, B. F. Sykes
St. John(Wash.)	D. L. Bouton, Cresville, N. C.	J. R. Spruill
St. Paul	F. C. James. Sunbury, N. C.	J. L. Coston
St. Stephen	J. E Johnson, Eliz. City, N. C.	J. E. Johnson
Samuel Chapel	Ethel Brown, Eliz. City R. 5 N. C.	S. Price
Saunders Grove,	Elizah Robinson, Hertford, N. C.	Henry Dail
Stoney Branch	L J. Parker, Gates, N. C.	J. C. Saunders
Union Chapel,	Martin Lamb, Weeksville, N. C.	Arthur W, Lamb,

Warren Grove	C. W. Horton, Edenton, N. C.	C. R. Valentine, S. L. Lawrance,
Weeping Mary	N. D. Davis, Jamesville, N. C	I. B. Devis,
Welches Chapel,	J L. Dunstan Tyner, N. C.	W. H. Holly, G. W. Brinkley,
White Oak Chapel	W. P. Felton, Tyner, N. C.	C. C. Felton,
Zion Hill,	W. W. Walker, Plymouth, N. C.	W. A. Hoyet,
Zion Grove,	W. H. Smith, Plymouth, N. C.	R. A. Morrisy,
Zion Tabernacle	S. H. Green, Corapeake, N. C.	B. D. Harrell.
New Light,	A. J. Copeland, Portsmouth, R. 1 Va.	A. Hopper,
Calvary	Arthur Downing, Eliz. City, N. C.	H. H. Norman,
Cedar Branch	J. W. Carver, Camden, N. C.	I. S. Williams,
Harrells Grove	Ophelia Sanders, Suffolk, R. 1 Va.	A. A. Parker,
Salem Baptist.	W. H. Owens, Columbia, N. C.	W, H. Owens,